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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The Department is seeking public and agency input on the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the Environmental Impact Report. A Notice of Preparation document, which contains a description of the probable environmental effects of the project, can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa_public_review.html, at the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Project Processing Counter, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123 and at the public libraries listed below. Comments on the Notice of Preparation document must be sent to the DPLU address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

LOG NO. 1000004. The project is the removal of dead, dying and diseased trees up to a maximum of 500 feet from habitable structures and from evacuation roads that provide access to three or more homes or facilities. This voluntary program is available for private lands in the greater Julian area only and would be free to landowners. Selected dead, dying and diseased trees would be removed on private properties adjacent to the portion of State Routes 78 and 79 in the greater Julian area, which is the unincorporated area of San Diego County from north of Mesa Grande on State Route 76, south of the intersection of SR 79 and Highway S2, including Volcan Mountain, to the bottom of Banner Grade on SR 78, south to Cuyamaca and west, and including Pine Hills and Santa Ysabel, within the Julian, Cuyamaca, Descanso, and Pine Valley Community/Regional Planning Area within the unincorporated area of San Diego County. A public scoping meeting will be held at the Julian Branch Library, 1850

Highway 78, Julian, California, on **November 30, 2010**, at 6 p.m. The meeting will include a brief overview of the project and a discussion of potential environmental issues. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide oral and written comments on the scope and content of the EIR. This Notice of Preparation can also be reviewed at the Julian Branch Library, at the address above. Comments on this Notice of Preparation document must be received no later than **December 17, 2010** at 4:00 p.m. (a 30 day public review period). For additional information, please contact Bobbie Stephenson at (858) 694-3680 or by e-mail at Bobbie.Stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov.